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HORRIBLE REPORTS FROM MANY PLACES

Showing A Tremendous Loss Of
Human Life

100 Reported Drowned In The
Village Of Stratford

Tiffin Said To Have A Death Roll Of
Fifty

Columbus, O., March 27—Although reports of distress and disaster are coming in from every section of the state, the greatest damage and loss of life, from all reports, is at Dayton. While the business section of the city is practically all under water and the estimated loss of life is appalling, fires are adding to the horror.

At Delaware the inhabitants are still floodbound and details are unavailable. The known dead already number 33. Food supplies are running short.

From Sidney comes the report that from 100 to 500 have been drowned.

Tiffin reports 50 lives lost. Stratford, near Delaware, according to the report of a farmer who reached Delaware yesterday, was literally swept from the map and 100 are drowned.

Reports of loss of life come from Zanesville, Newark and many other cities and villages.

In spite of wild rumors to the contrary, the walls of the Lewistown Reservoir and the Columbus storage dam are holding.

The waters are receding slightly in spite of almost continuous rains.

"Rivers will not rise, notwithstanding rainfall," according to a forecast bulletin issued last night by the local United States weather bureau.

Fifty Reported Dead at
Tiffin

Tiffin, March 27—Death and intense suffering have marked the great flood which has swept clean the Sandusky Valley. Tiffin is a city of desolation. Half of the city is under water. Fire Chief Albert Harris, who has

had charge of the rescue work, estimates the loss of life at 50. The known dead are Joseph Knecht and family of eight and George Klingshorn and family of four.

Dozens have been carried to death in the treacherous currents, and only the abating of the flood will tell the toll of lives the inundation of Tiffin cost.

One Hundred Drowned at
Stratford

Delaware, March 27—The village of Stratford, five miles south, has been wiped out, and the total population of 100 have been drowned, it is reported here, but it cannot be confirmed. The village of Prospect, 10 miles to the north, is under water.

At Columbus

Columbus, O., March 27—The crest of flood is past in Columbus and water is receding.

Although only nine identified persons have been drowned, the list of those thought dead and missing may run into the hundreds.

Windows of houses in flooded West Side were crowded with victims appealing for water and food. Workers still plying watery streets for marooned men, women and children.

A false report that the storage dam had broken caused a panic yesterday afternoon over the city. Hurred exodus of throngs from business section followed. Many rescue workers fled, panic-stricken, from the West Side, and their activities stopped late in the afternoon.

The Mound Street bridge crumbled into the torrent of the Scioto in the afternoon. This left the Rich street bridge as the only means of access to West Side from the center of city. The Fifth Avenue bridge over the Olentangy still stands.

Refugees are crowding in

to Memorial Hall, City Hall, Federal Building, other public institutions, and many have taken refuge with friends. Many cases of disease are reported, but epidemic precautions are taken. Temperature goes down to 25 degrees, with colder weather and little rain promised for today. Victims required are stiff with cold and hunger and many may die before help can come.

Waterworks system is in operation again, lessening danger of fire and pestilence. Municipal light plant is still under water and streets were dark last night. Street cars are sluggish; electric lighting current and gas supply normal. No means of lighting whatsoever in devastated district.

Attempted estimates of property damage goes into millions.

Rescue work is thoroughly organized. Volunteers help police and militia. Hundreds of boats from Buckeye Lake are pressed into service, but many are overturned by the current and lost. Funds are raised and food is supplied to sufferers. Cots, blankets and tents are used in large numbers.

General assembly of state appropriates \$250,000 and city council authorizes \$75,000 emergency bond issue.

First lesson of the flood is evident in movement started in city council to dig new channel for Scioto through West Side at Central Avenue, skirting Hilltop.

At 5 o'clock this morning the waters of the Scioto and other swollen Ohio streams are receding. The United States weather bureau predicts entire cessation of rain in the flood districts within 24 hours. The prediction for Friday is fair.

The Scioto is now 2 feet below its high point.

Piqua is reported to be in flames and doomed to destruction.

Believing the city to be doomed by the fire, it was reported this morning that Vice Mayor Huber of Dayton has sent out appeals to all the cities of the state for dynamite with which to raze buildings in the path of the flames whenever this can be accomplished, and also for all the fire fighting apparatus that can be rushed there.

DEMOCRAT

Elected United States Senator
In Illinois

Springfield, Ill., March 27—James Hamilton (Democrat) yesterday was elected United States senator for the long term.

SNOW

Covers Large Section Of
Northern Texas

Dallas, Tex., March 27—An unusually heavy snowstorm covered north-west Texas today, moving rapidly eastward. The storm swung south into sections where spring fields and gardens already are green. No serious damage was expected.

BLUE LAWS

To Be Fought By Washington
Germans

Washington, March 27—Efforts to force blue laws in the District of Columbia Sundays is to be combatted by 25 societies comprising the United German Alliance, according to an announcement made today.

The organization, in a mass meeting last night, denounced the efforts to force a closed Sunday in the District as "the work of fascists."

A committee of three members was named to outline a campaign against the application of "narrow-minded policies to the existent laws."

ADRIANOPOLE

Falls And Turkish Commander
Suicides

Mustapha, Pasha, March 27—The fortress of Adrianople was taken by storm by the Bulgarians yesterday morning, after fighting of most terrific character since Monday. Flames are devastating the city.

Shukri Pasha, the Turkish commander-in-chief of Adrianople, committed suicide after the capture of the city, according to a news agency dispatch from Sofia.

All the Turkish military depots have been blown up.

TRAIN

Goes Through Trestle Killing
Three People

Wellington, March 27—Train No. 82 of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad, a freight, went down on a trestle at Whipple Hill, three miles from here, this morning, killing Engineer George Dyke of Toledo, Daniel Shanklin, fireman, and August Berrier, brakeman, of Massillon.

The train was in charge of Conductor Oliver Smith of Toledo.

CHILD DIES

In Mother's Arms On Way
To Funeral

Wellington, March 27—When Mr. and Mrs. Noah Moore of Near Oak Hill alighted from the carriage at the cemetery at Monroe yesterday, where they were attending the burial of Mrs. Moore's sister, they were horrified to discover that their infant son, who has been carried in his mother's arms had died on the way. The baby had been suffering from pneumonia, but his death was caused by asphyxiation, from the heavy robe in which he had been bundled, and the overcrowding of the carriage in which he was riding.

RESCUERS

At Dayton Are Reported
Drowned

Xenia, March 27—According to a report which reached here from Dayton last night, a boat which was engaged in rescue work capsized and all of the crew but Robert Patterson, nephew of John H. Patterson of the National Cash Register Company, were drowned. Young Patterson acted as captain of the crew.

\$250,000

Appropriated By The Ohio
Legislature

For The Relief Of The Flood
Sufferers

Columbus, O., March 27—Governor Cox was given \$250,000 to spend for the relief of flood sufferers by the legislature yesterday. Tallow candles and lanterns were used to shed a feeble light in the legislative halls that the sessions might be prolonged until the relief bill could be enrolled and signed by Speaker Swain and Lieutenant Governor Nichols and transmitted to the executive chamber.

Further, to save time, by joint resolution, authority was granted to enroll the bill by typewriter.

The governor is empowered to use the money for food, clothing, medicine, bedding and shelter for sufferers from flood and fire arising from the flood. By the constitution, such appropriation is specifically exempted from the 90-day delay under the referendum section, but to make doubly sure, the bill carried an emergency clause.

The senate thought the amount inadequate and fixed it at \$500,000. On the strength of statements by Speaker Swain that the Red Cross Society had wired the governor \$100,000 would be expended in relieving distress in Ohio, and that ample supplies and money for immediate use had been offered the governor by Ohio citizens, and by Mr. Black of Hamilton and Chairman Cowan of the finance committee that half the senate amount would be ample for a week at least, and more could be granted later, the house declined to accept the senate amendment. The State assented and left the amount at \$250,000.

CLAIMED

That Lumber Was Stolen And
Not Carried Away By
The Flood

An echo of the flood was heard in the mayor's office Wednesday afternoon when M. H. May filed an affidavit against Earl Sharp charging him with stealing \$10 worth of lumber during the high waters Tuesday. Sharp was arrested and asserted that the lumber had been washed upon his lot by the water. May said that he could prove that Sharp had carried it there. The case was settled when Sharp agreed to pay the costs of the case and return the lumber. The affidavit was withdrawn.

FIRE

Breaks Out In Piqua, And
Can't Be Checked

Columbus, March 27—A telephone message from Piqua early this morning stated that the city was ablaze and that there was no way of checking the flames. It reported that the fire started in the residence section and spread to the business houses. An estimate of the casualties here could not be made at the time, the message said.

BLIZZARD IN OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City, March 27—A storm of the blizzard type has been raging in Oklahoma since midnight, and there is no indication of cessation. Snow has fallen to the depth of three inches and is still falling. Street car service is partly blocked and train service is slow.

Mrs. Mame Condit of Berea, Ohio, arrived in the city Thursday morning to make a several days' visit with relatives.

FIRE AT DAYTON ADDS TO HORROR

Business Section Of The City Ravished
By Flames

Estimated That Dayton Dead Will
Reach 1,000

65,000 People Imprisoned In Business
Blocks And Homes

Dayton, March 27—Fire added its terrors to the flood here yesterday.

The business block bounded by Third, Second, Jefferson and St. Clair streets was destroyed.

Many persons were marooned in the buildings on this square, but it is said that all got out safely. They have been taken to the Beaver power building, two squares away. Although it has been raining all day, the water has receded, and many of the people in the buildings jumped into the water and were picked up.

Among the structures destroyed were the Fourth National Bank and St. Paul's Evangelical church.

Martial law has been declared in the city.

Secretary George F. Burba talked with the governor over the telephone and they reached the conclusion that at least 1000 persons have lost their lives in the flood.

Rescue squads worked frantically to throw back the veil that hides the true story of the Dayton disaster—the number of dead. Late last night the arrival of motor boats gave hope that the northern section of the city, now cut off by the Big Miami's impassable barrier, may be penetrated, and then may be learned the fate of hundreds imprisoned by the torrent that poured down the broken Tarlton reservoir.

The list of six dead was added to by the death of a refugee. It was reported late last night that a number of dead had been found in houses at Fifth and Eagle Street, but when rescuers worked their way into the partially submerged dwellings they found a number of the flood's

prisoners, who were weak from fright and hunger.

Fire that appeared to threaten the business section last night was confined to the block bounded by Second and Third streets and Jefferson and St. Clair streets. In the block are the Fourth National Bank, Lattimer Drug Company, Evans Wholesale Drug Company and several commission houses. It was impossible to get within two miles of the fire and from that distance it appeared explosions, probably of drugs, made the fire seem of larger proportions than it was. It appeared to have about burned out and it was not believed it would spread to other blocks. It was impossible to ascertain, even approximately, the number of persons who might have been marooned in this section and who died after being trapped by flood and fire.

Nevertheless, rescue work went steadily on and about 3000 persons were housed in places of refuge last night, the majority of them in buildings at the National Cash Register Company. At least 65,000 persons are imprisoned in homes and in business buildings. It is feared their two days' imprisonment with accompanying hunger and fright, have caused tremendous suffering.

The flood came with such suddenness that food supplies in homes were whisked away by the torrent that reached the second floors in almost the flash of an eye. Skiffs skirted the edge of the flooded district, attempting to take food to those whom it was impossible to carry off, but the fierce current discouragingly retarded this work.

CARBUNCLE KILLS EX-GOV.
ERNOR

Atlanta, March 27—William J. Northen, former governor of Georgia and prominent in politics for many years, died today. Death was due to complications resulting from a carbuncle.